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REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended in the foregoing amendment and Claim 3 has been added.

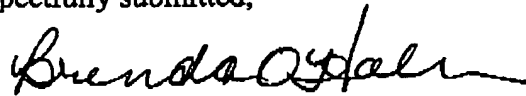
Claims 1-2 Are Statutory Subject Matter

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1 and 2 fall into this category because they merely recite a computer algorithm. Applicants amended Claim 1 to clarify that the claimed subject matter is statutory. The method of Claim 1 is implemented on a computer and results in the compression of a bit string. Applicants also amended Claims 1 and 2 to clarify certain aspects of the invention.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. This application should now be in condition for allowance, and the Applicants solicit a notice to that effect. If there are any issues that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at 404.685.6799.

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